

CLAIMS

- 1. A hypermedia browser embodied on a computer-readable medium for execution on an information processing device having a limited display area, wherein the hypermedia browser has a content viewing area and is configured to display a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading content.
- A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the temporary graphic element is animated.
- A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing area.
- A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.
 - A hypermedia browser as recited in claim 1, wherein: the temporary graphic element is animated; and

the hypermedia browser presents the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

6. An information processing device comprising: a processor;

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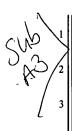
a hypermedia browser executing on the processor to load and display content in a content viewing area on the display;

wherein the hypermedia browser displays a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading content.

- 13. 17. An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the temporary graphic element is animated.
- An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing area.
- An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.
 - 16 An information processing device as recited in claim 6, wherein: 10. the temporary graphic element is animated; and

the hypermedia browser displays the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.





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A method of browsing a hyperlink resource, comprising the following steps:

loading content from the hyperlink resource in response to user selection of hyperlinks contained in said content;

displaying the content in a content viewing area;

displaying a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during the loading step.

A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional step of animating the temporary graphic element.

A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the displaying step 13. includes displaying the temporary graphic element in a corner of the content viewing area.

A method as recited in claim 11, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment.

A method as recited in claim 11, further comprising an additional step of animating the temporary graphic element, wherein the displaying step includes displaying the temporary graphic element within a temporary window in a windowing operating environment:



A computer-readable storage medium containing instructions that are executable for performing the steps recited in claim 14.

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